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FROM MCHENRY AND PETTERSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: NYERERE'S SUPPORT

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 4673

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE CONTACT GROUP AND THE WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS DURING THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 21, COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA COMMISSIONER MARTI AHTISAARI SPOKE OF HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE NOVEMBER 20, THE DAY BEFORE THE CONTACT GROUP MET WITH NYERERE. AHTISAARI SAID NYERERE TOLD HIM HE WAS "KEEN" TO SUPPORT THE CONTACT GROUP EFFORT. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO AHTISAARI, NYERERE CLEARLY WAS MORE WORRIED ABOUT RHODESIA THAN HE WAS INTERESTED IN ANMIBIA.

2. IN HIS MEETING WITH THE CONTACT GROUP NYERERE SIMILARLY SHOWED SOME ENTHUSIASM FOR DOING WHAT HE COULD TO HELP
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US WITH SWAPO. WHEN MURRAY (UK) REMARKED THAT WE WOULD NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF "POWERFUL FRIENDS," NYERERE QUIPPED THAT WE COULD COUNT ON NOT A POWERFUL FRIEND, BUT A FRIEND WHO WAS "PERSUASIVE--OR TALKATIVE LIKE ME."

3. COMMENT: IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE NYERERE WILL GIVE US. HE TOLD US THAT BECAUSE TANZANIA NO

LONGER HELPS TRAIN SWAPO GUERRILLAS, HIS INFLUENCE ON SWAPO
IS LIMITED AHTISAARI EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NYERERE'S
PREOCCUPATION WITH THE CURVE KAUNDA HAS THROWN HIM ON
RHODESIA COULD INTERFERE WITH WHATEVER EFFORT HE MIGHT BE
EXPECTED TO EXERT ON BEHALF OF OUR NAMIBIAN INITIATIVE. WE
CAN ONLY HOPE (HE MADE NO PROMISES) THAT HE WILL USE HIS POWER
OF PERSUASION ON HIS FRONT LINE COLLEAGUES.
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